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Moscow, Sept. 14. N. S.

THE Czar has declared War against the Crown of *Sweden*, and has caused a Manifesto to be Published, setting forth, That he has received several Affronts from the *Swedes*, as well in his own Person, as in his Ambassadors, particularly at *Riga*; That he made Complaint thereof to the *Swedish* Minister at his Court, who promised he should have Satisfaction; but after a long Expectation, the *Swedish* Resident delivered a Memorial, containing several false Allegations in Justification of the Governor of *Riga*, and the other Persons complained of, together with the Copy of a Letter the said Resident had received from the King his Master upon the same Subject, wherein not the least offer was made of giving Satisfaction to the Czar; Who therefore finds himself obliged to Vindicate his own Honour, by declaring War against the King of *Sweden*, and has accordingly ordered his Army to march into the *Swedish* Territories, and has sent Directions to his Resident in *Sweden*, to acquaint that Court with this his Resolution. The Forces which the Czar has raised to carry on this War, amount in all to 25000 Horse, and 70000 Foot, and a Train of Artillery is provided of 460 Cannon and Mortars; The chief Command of these Forces is given to Gen. *Aftamon Gosowin*, who has under him *Theodore Alexetewitz Golovin* General of the Horse, Gen. *Adam Weyde*, and divers *German* Officers. Part of this Army is designed to join that of the King of *Poland*, and the rest will be employed in besieging *Nerva*; And the Czar himself intending to Command at this Siege, set out from hence the 4th Instant.

Milan, Octob. 6. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, our Governor, returned hither last week from visiting the fortified Places on the Frontiers of this State. He lately received an Express from *Spain*, upon which he immediately sent Couriers to the *Spanish* Ambassadors at *Vienna* and *Venice*; And the 3d Instant his Highness dispatched General *Colmenero* to *Vienna*. The Prince of *Vaudemont* has offered his Mediation for adjusting the Difference between the Great Duke of *Tuscany* and the Republick of *Lucca*, which is accepted by both Parties, and this Matter is in a fair way of Accommodation.

Mittaw, October 8. Part of the *Saxon* Forces, commanded by Prince *Ferdinand* of *Courland*, invested the Fort of *Kockenhuysen* the 2d Instant, and the rest arrived before the Place the day following; An Officer was sent to summon the *Swedish* Governor to surrender, and offer to him very honourable Conditions, representing to him at the same time, That he could expect no Succour; but the Governor answered, He would defend the Place till the last Extremity; Whereupon the Duke resolved to Bombard it, and they were raising Batteries for that purpose; 'Tis said, the *Swedish* Garrison is not above 220 strong. The King of *Poland*, according to our last Advices, continued his March in order to attack Count *Welling*, whose Army being joined by a great number of the Inhabitants of *Livonia*, are encreased to 20000 Men, and are strongly entrenched behind the River *Pernaw*. The King of *Poland* has received Letters from the Duke *de Croy*, giving an Account, that he was come before *Nerva* with a considerable Body of *Muscovites*, and that the Czar was shortly expected there with the rest of his Army.

Warsaw, Octob. 1. The Cardinal Primate returned from *Dantzick* the 21st of the last month to his House at *Lowitz*. An Envoy is come hither from *Denmark*, who intends to stay here till the return of the King of *Poland*, who 'tis thought will not continue much longer in *Livonia*, as well by reason of the Winter Season, which will soon oblige him to put an End to the Campaigne, as because his Presence will be necessary, for the preparing of Matters to be laid before the General Diet, which is to meet here in few weeks. The Standard-bearer, and divers other Gentlemen of the Province of *Samogitia*, who had promised to join the King of *Poland*'s Army in *Livonia* with a good Body of Men, have sent Deputies to him to excuse their not doing it, their Design having been prevented by the Castellan of that Province, who dissuaded the rest of the Gentlemen of that Country from concurring with them.

Vienna, Octob. 9. Directions are sent to the Commanders of the Imperial Forces to dispatch hither an Officer out of each Regiment, to receive the necessary Sums of Money for raising of Recruits, and buying of Horses to remount the Cavalry. An Express is sent to Cardinal *Lamberg*, who is now at his Bishoprick at *Passau*, to hasten his departure for *Rome*; Cardinal *Grimany* will be going thither in a day or two, but Cardinal *Collonitz* is excused from this Journey by reason of his great Age. They write from *Peterwaradin*, that the Imperial and *Turkish* Commissioners continue their Conferences, and the *Turks* demand, That the Fortifications of *Arat* be demolished, and

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